Mountain Weather Forecast

Lake District National Park

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Sunday 26 Mar 2023 until 23:59 on Monday 27 Mar 2023

Forecast Issued on Saturday 25 Mar 2023 at 15:41

Confidence: Generally high confidence for turning colder on Sunday, dry Monday and turning wetter and milder from Tuesday.

Headline for Sunday 26 Mar 2023: Cloudy start, drier and brighter later.

Mountain weather hazards on Sunday 26 Mar 2023

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Medium Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Low Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Light snow showers	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Clear night
Precipitation probability							
30%	30%	20%	30%	40%	30%	10%	10%

Forecast for Sunday 26 Mar 2023

Weather: Cloudy with outbreaks of rain or sleet through the early hours and to start on Sunday, this clearing southwards through the morning, allowing some brightness or sunny spells to break through. Chance of the odd wintry shower during the afternoon. Mainly dry and clear into the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 30% during the early hours, improving to 80% or higher during the morning.

Low cloud and visibility: Poor visibility in early rain or sleet, with broken cloud base 500-700m, soon clearing south, leaving high cloud behind. Otherwise good visibility but temporarily reducing to poor in wintry showers, with isolated low cloud, base 500-700m.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
900	13/18 E	18/24 E	22/29 NE	22/29 NE	19/26 NE	17/24 NE	15/21 N	14/18 NE	12/16 NE
600	14/20 E	18/25 E	19/27 NE	20/27 NE	17/24 NE	15/22 NE	13/18 N	10/14 NE	9/13 N
300	7/14 E	10/20 E	12/24 NE	11/24 NE	10/21 NE	7/17 N	6/15 N	3/11 NE	3/10 N
Valley	8/14 NE	12/20 NE	15/27 NE	13/24 NE	11/21 NE	8/17 NE	7/16 NE	5/14 NE	4/11 NE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
900	1/-4	-1/-8	-2/-10	-2/-10	-1/-8	-1/-8	-2/-9	-4/-10	-4/-10
600	2/-3	1/-5	0/-7	0/-6	1/-4	1/-4	0/-5	-2/-6	-2/-6
300	4/2	3/-1	2/-2	3/-1	5/1	4/1	3/0	1/-1	-0/-2
Valley	7/4	5/2	5/0	6/2	7/4	6/4	6/3	4/1	3/1
Freezing Level*	1000m	800m	600m	500m	500m	500m	400m	300m	200m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Meteorologist's View

Be aware of the cold feels like temperatures at height, despite the sunshine later.

Forecast for Monday 27 Mar 2023

Weather: Dry with prolonged sunshine throughout the day.

Maximum wind: Light winds for much of the day, becoming southerly 10-15 mph gust 25 mph by late evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: >90%

Low cloud and visibility: Very good visibility.

Temperature: **Valleys:** Minus 1 rising to plus 7 Celsius.
At 800m: Minus 6 rising to minus 1 Celsius.
Freezing level: At the surface, rising to 400m later.

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Ground Conditions Supplement
Date: Saturday 25 March, Location: Helvellyn summit at 12:08, Temperature: plus 1.5 deg C, Maximum wind speed 15.2mph, Wind chill: minus 4.4 deg C, Average wind speed: 7.5mph

Full report:
A mixture of sunshine and showers today with the best of the weather in the morning and periods of intermittent rain falling as sleet over high ground by late morning and into the afternoon.
Overnight, small and insignificant amounts of now-wet snow settled above 900m, particularly around the exit to Striding edge. Despite this, the Lakeland fells remain almost entirely snow free up to and including the highest tops.
A few small and isolated patches of old snow can be found on steep north and east-facing slopes above 900m, however, these are not in areas that walkers are likely to venture.
Colder temperatures are forecast tomorrow with the freezing level likely to be around 600-700m and further sleet and snow showers over the fells.
Anyone heading out tomorrow should anticipate and be prepared for a wintery day with potentially more snow and ice than described here.
Full winter clothing (warm and waterproof), including hats and gloves, and equipment including a map, compass, and a headtorch are all essential. Microspikes may also be a sensible addition to your rucksack.

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